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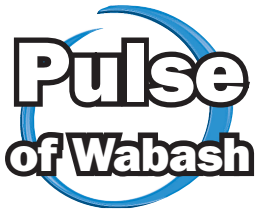
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Waypoint to hold charity dodge ball tournament Saturday

Waypoint has announced that on Saturday, Nov. 27 the organization will host a dodge ball tournament on Miami Street. Sponsored by wellness-company Undaunted Leadership, Coaching & Wholeness the event is a fundraiser with proceeds earmarked for the direct investment in the new transitional home planned to open in early 2022. Waypoint is a transitional living environment dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle for women living in sobriety. Led by a local volunteer board of directors, the organization is seeking funding for the renovation phase of the new facility located at 189 N. Wabash St. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com or call 260-563-7171.

Wabash County YMCA to hold third annual Holiday Benefit Silent Auction

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the third annual Holiday Benefit Silent Auction benefiting the YMCA financial assistance program. The entire auction will be held online with bidding beginning at noon Monday, Nov. 29 and ending at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Registration may take place any time before or during the event and can be found by visiting www.bit.ly/WCYHBSA21. For more information, visit wabashcountymca.org or call 260-563-9622. To donate, visit www.wabashcountymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

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ISP investigating police-involved shooting

WCSD, WPD officers were serving a search warrant late Tuesday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana State Police (ISP) are investigating a police-involved shooting that occurred late Tuesday in Wabash.

At the request of the Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD), the ISP is investigating the incident, in which a 51-year-old man was injured, said ISP Peru Post public information officer Sgt. Tony Slocum.

Slocum said the preliminary investigation by ISP detectives revealed that at approximately 8:30 p.m., officers from the WCSD and the Wabash Police Department (WPD) attempted to serve a search warrant in the 300 block of West Maple Street.

"Officers were serving the search warrant as part of an active narcotics investigation," said Slocum.

Slocum said the officers repeatedly announced their presence and that they were there to serve a search warrant.

"There was no answer at the door. Officers then

breached the front door. Before making entry into the residence, officers purportedly observed a 51-year-old man holding what appeared to be a handgun," said Slocum. "Officers gave multiple commands for the man to drop the gun. He failed to comply. A deputy with the Wabash County Sheriff's Department fired multiple shots from his department-issued handgun, striking the 51-year-old man at least once."

Slocum said further investigation revealed that the gun that the 51-year-old man was holding was a realistic replica airsoft

handgun.

"There was no orange tip, and the muzzle has the same diameter and shape as a real handgun," said Slocum.

Slocum said the man was transported to a Fort Wayne hospital.

"He is currently in stable condition and is expected to make a full recovery," said Slocum. "No one else was injured in the incident."

WPD public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson referred all questions about the case to ISP.

Slocum said this was an ongoing investigation and that no further information

will be released at this time.

"Upon completion of the investigation, information will be forwarded to the Wabash County Prosecutor's Office for review," said Slocum. "All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law."

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

WCPL's Holiday Open House returns



Provided photos

WCPL executive director Ware Wimberly said the usually host been 100 and 130 people during previous years' events.

After moving to a take-home event last year, annual in-person event set for Dec. 15

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many annual Christmas events last year, and the Wabash Carnegie Public Library's (WCPL) Holiday Open House was no exception.

WCPL executive director Ware Wimberly said the usually host been 100 and 130 people during previous years' events.

With the lockdowns of last fall and winter, though, that event was moved to a take-home event.

But, this year the annual tradition has been scheduled for its regular in-person location at the library.

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This year's WCPL Holiday Open house will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, said community outreach coordinator Rachel Castle.

MU Music Department offers two holiday concerts

Admission is free, but freewill donations are being accepted

By JENNIFER WAGNER

The Manchester University Music Department presents two holiday concerts in December.

The Lessons and Carols worship service will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St. It features local residents and MU's A Cappella Choir, Chamber Singers and handbell choir.

Lessons and Carols is an Advent service with lessons and readings depicting scenes from the Christian tradition of Christ's birth with musical pieces in between. Standard Christmas

choral repertoire will be performed.

Admission is free, but freewill donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of the A Cappella Choir

tour to New York's Carnegie Hall in May 2022.

A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers are under the direction of Debra Lynn, MU director of choral

organizations and vocal studies. Mason Kniola, a junior vocal performance major, will conduct one piece

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Local COVID-19 advisory level red for first time since February

ISDH reports 108th local virus death on Tuesday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During the Wednesday, Nov. 24 COVID-19 county metrics update, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) moved Wabash County's advisory level to red, the highest level, for the first time since February.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the ISDH reported the 108th COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

All this news comes as the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Wabash County approach 6,000 and local vaccination rates continues to lag behind the state average.

As of Monday, Nov. 22, there were 5,898 local positive COVID-19 cases in Wabash County, with 19 of those being new. The local seven-day positivity rating of 20.7 percent for all tests, and a local seven-day positivity rating of 38.8 percent for unique individuals.

The number of local tests administered sat at 20,042. Earlier that day, the ISDH dashboard listed 717 of those being new, several times more than any other recent day. However, the ISDH soon confirmed that number was incorrect.

"We are working to correct a technical issue that impacted

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Silver Alert for Wabash County man canceled

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A Silver Alert declared last week for a Wabash County man was canceled Wednesday, Nov. 24.

The Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) had been investigating the disappearance of Wyatt Engle, 18.

Engle had been missing from North Manchester and was last seen at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15.

"He is believed to be in extreme danger," stated the alert.

Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post public information officer Sgt. Tony Slocum

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church
At the Sunday, Nov. 28 service at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be “The Art of Waiting.”

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ
Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church
Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church
Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church
At the Sunday, Nov. 28 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be “No More Gloom” from Isaiah, Chapter 9 as a beginning to our Advent Season messages. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. A recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Nov. 28.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Meth-

odist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist
Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Ur-

bana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Nov. 28 at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., the Hanging of the Greens Service will be held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The service can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk by Faith Community Church


At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash


Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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5-Day Weather Summary




Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
45 / 31




Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
41 / 26



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
43 / 31




Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
49 / 32




Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
47 / 36

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset 5:20 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:41 a.m.




Last
11/27



New
12/4



First
12/10



Full
12/18

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 45°, humidity of 56%. South wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 31°. West southwest wind 7 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

‘Bite in the 85’ dining program to launch

Sample eight local restaurants during three weeks in January 2022

STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County has announced the launch of a new program coming to Wabash County called Bite in the 85, said marking manager Whitney Millspaugh. “Historically, the beginning of the calendar year trends down for restaurant sales. To help combat that, ‘Bite in the 85’ was created by Visit Wabash County as a fun, new, and exciting way of encouraging dining throughout Wabash County during the last three weeks in January 2022,” said Millspaugh. “Similar to Savor Fort Wayne or Devour Indy, Wabash County restaurants were given the opportunity to sign up to offer specials for a great price.” Millspaugh said “Bite in the 85” will take place from

Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, through Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. For three weeks, the participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public. The eight restaurants that chose to participate in the program are 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia’s Restaurant, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc’s Market, Pizza King and Twenty. Millspaugh said when dining at any of these eight restaurants during this time, you’ll be given a “Bite in the 85” menu in addition to the restaurant’s standard menu. The “Bite in the 85” menu will feature specials and deals available just for these three weeks. As an extra incentive to dine, the public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by

filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the participating restaurants. You will be able to enter the gift card giveaway every time you dine at one of the eight restaurants during the three weeks of “Bite in the 85.” “We hope that this is a great incentive for the public to want to dine out and support our local eateries,” said Millspaugh. “The extra benefit of winning gift cards to the participating restaurants for dining out adds a fun, interactive twist that will also give us some insight from the online giveaway entry forms as to how many people are dining out during those three weeks. We hope you’ll take advantage of these three weeks of special deals just for you.” The special “Bite in the 85” menus for each participating restaurant will be available online in December. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85.

Closer than we think

By JERRY GAUTHIER

Why does a person push God away in the good times and still want to know where God is during the bad? Comforts can make us dismiss need for God in pride, while suffering makes God seem as if He uses a divine telescope. Both of these options seem somewhat unsatisfactory. The outcome remains that sinners cannot live with Him, and yet, as created beings, we cannot live without Him. We can not live this way from man to God, when God has already chosen His way to love sinful humanity. By the person of Jesus Christ, the tension resolves for the Father has sent His Son. By the Word becoming “flesh” (John 1:14) we look forward to what comes now in Advent of God to man. Unlike the alarm by

media back in September stating, “Buy gifts early or they might not be there.” Advent cries out another direction to prepare for Christmas as God has given it to the world. The Lord guarantees to be closer than we think. He is not some deity far off from our sight, but walked, talked and breathed our life as Jesus Christ. However, the sinner inside us will never let us trust the Lord no matter how close He comes. Who can cross that chasm of pain and sorrow caused by sin and death before life? How much do doubt and resentment enslave us against God’s love? No wonder, God became man not just to be “with us” but to chiefly suffer and die “for us.” The Son took upon Himself more than human flesh and blood, but all that we are. St. Paul

proclaims, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). The God of grace fills in the chasm created by fallen humanity with His sacrifice. It is fully there for you and any with forgiveness and salvation. Approaching the Word and Sacrament now are more than the marks of God’s true presence in the Church. They carry the promise and hope to turn and draw near to Him at all times. Christ as savior comes close. Compassion from God is made right for you and any. It is to believe in His gift because forgiveness and salvation remove the alarm. We can enjoy Christmas even with questions. *Jerry Gauthier is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash.*

CONCERTS

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for the A Cappella Choir. A holiday concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 in Cordier Auditorium on MU’s North Manchester campus. The concert will feature the Jazz

Ensemble, Jazz Combo and Chamber Singers. The jazz groups are under the direction of Scott Humphries, director of bands and music education. The groups will perform standard jazz repertoire, holiday songs and traditional carols. There is no cost for admis-

sion. The concert will also be live-streamed on Manchester University’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Masks are required indoors for both performances. *Jennifer Wagner is a student strategic communications assistant for Manchester University.*



Materials Handling/Warehouse Labor

The Miami County Recycling District seeks a person to serve as a part time or full time materials handling laborer.


Responsibilities include:

- Receiving, segregating, inventorying and shipping various materials received at the warehouse including fluorescent bulbs, home chemicals, appliances, electronics, and other materials.
- Customer service tasks including but not limited to answering phones, greeting walk in customers, and answering questions about the District Services.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills, ability to follow procedures and protocols, ability to read and interpret technical information, ability to use a personal computer and MS Office are required.
- Experience in operating a forklift or skid steer a plus.
- Valid Indiana Driver's License is required.
- Basic knowledge of elementary chemistry is a plus. Appropriate combination of experience and education will be considered.
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds.
- Will work under the direction of the Executive Director.
- Must have the ability to work well with others and also to work independently.
- **Position can be full time for the right person. FT includes benefits.**
- Pay rate is \$10.50 per hour, with pay increase if moved to full time.
- Additional information is available at the District office.

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Obituaries

Erin Nicole Working

July 26, 1996 – Nov. 21, 2021

Erin Nicole Working, 25, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on Nov. 21, 2021 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. The daughter of Cheryl (Pennington) Working and Kenny Working, Erin was born on July 26, 1996.

Erin graduated from Manchester High School in 2015 and from Hanover College with a degree in Cultural Anthropology, Spanish and International Studies in 2019. Before her passing, she was taking classes toward earning an MBA in Business Administration at Tiffin University. Erin worked as Coordinator of Dining Services at Peabody Retirement Community and was an International Sales summer intern. Recently she began teaching at Manchester Junior-Senior High School in North Manchester and was an office administrator for Daniel's Place.

Erin was an honest, compassionate, strong-willed, and selfless person who loved travel, family and animals. She was passionate about giving back to the community and helping those who needed it most. Erin's kindness and patience was an inspiration to all who knew her. Throughout her short life, Erin traveled to more than twenty countries and taught English to Peru's poorest communities.

The loving memory of Erin Nicole Working will be forever cherished by her parents Cheryl (Pennington) Working, North Manchester and Kenny (Cindy) Working, Wabash; brother, Daniel Working, North Manchester; sister, Chloe Steele, North Manchester; stepbrother, Nathan Howard, Gun Barrel City, Texas; maternal grandmother, Dorothy Bennett, Ohio; paternal grandparent, Pat Hobbs, Wabash; step grandmother, Claudine Stan-



ley, Wabash; aunts and uncles, Mick (Beth) Pennington, Ohio, Gary (Jackie) Pennington, South Carolina and Rex (Rhonda) Pennington, Ohio, Cathi (Butch) Johnson, South Carolina, Susan Patuc, Ohio, Brenda (Mike) Heagy, North Manchester, and Mary (Rick) Bachman, Washington. Erin was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Guilford Pennington and paternal grandfathers, Dick Working and Chester Hobbs.

Family and friends may call Friday, Nov. 26, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. with calling beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 113 West Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana. Pastor Jeff Hawkins and Pastor Alexa Kvande will officiate. Burial will be at Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, 950 Tipton Street, Lagro, Indiana.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Erin Working, memorials may be made to Daniel's Place, 113 West Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

The family of Erin Working has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

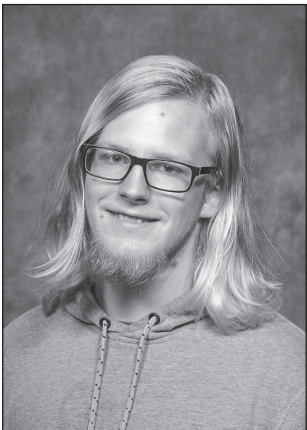
Wyatt Glen Engle

Aug. 26, 2003 – Nov. 15, 2021

Wyatt Glen Engle, 18, of rural North Manchester, Indiana, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 in Wabash County, Indiana. He was born on Aug. 26, 2003, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Rex A. Engle and Nichole (Fox) Foster.

Wyatt was a senior at Whitko High School. He worked at McDonalds in North Manchester. He was a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana. Wyatt enjoyed writing rap beats, Yu-Gi-Oh cards and playing video games.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Rex A. and Jennifer Engle of South Whitley, Indiana, mother, Nichole Foster of Churubusco, Indiana, sister, Adelynn Engle of North Manchester, brother, Jesse Engle of South Whitley, grandparents, Glen and Beth Engle of North Manchester, Tonyia and Andy Wolf of Columbia City, Indiana, Rick and Carol Price of Etna Green, Indiana, and great-grandmother,



Elizabeth Engle of Wabash, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jasper Engle.

Friends may call 2-8 pm Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash. A private service will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorial is Ronald McDonald House.

The memorial guest book for Wyatt may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Wilma J. Parmerlee

Wilma J. Parmerlee, 94, North Manchester, passed away November 22, 2021.

The memory of Wilma J. Parmerlee will be forever remembered by her daughters, Randi (Larry) Tobias, North Manchester and Rita Par-

merlee, Howe, Indiana; sister, Doris Weimer, Massachusetts; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren; and all of her nieces and nephews. Wilma was preceded in death by her

Peggy V. McCallen

Jan. 6, 1929 – Nov. 21, 2021

Peggy V. McCallen, 92, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 10:58 am, Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born on Jan. 6, 1929, in Terre Haute, Indiana to Bernard VanBorssum and Jessie (Connett) VanBorssum. Jessie was a businesswoman and Peggy's father, Bernard, had gone to the Alaskan Gold Rush, played on a Phillies farm team, and owned theaters in Terre Haute, Indiana.

She had a happy childhood learning to play the accordion and the piano, and taking dance lessons. She loved her horses, Omaha and Queenie, and enjoyed horseback riding all her life. She met her husband, Bob McCallen, while attending Eastern Illinois University. They married June 20, 1948 in Terre Haute. The couple lived in Springfield, Illinois, and Hartsville, South Carolina, where Bob taught special education classes. In 1953, Bob enrolled in Indiana University law school and Peggy took a job as secretary for the executive director of the Southern Indiana Methodist Church Conference.

They moved to Wabash, Indiana in 1956 when Bob began his law practice. Peggy was a mother and active businesswoman. She owned an apartment building and rented apartments, became a real estate broker and had her own firm, took flying lessons, started Maids in Wabash – a professional home cleaning service, established a wedding shop called Wedding Belles, and owned the Depot, an antique business. Peggy made dozens of Halloween costumes and special birthday cakes, and cared for many dogs, cats, mice, ducks,



and swans. She was a published author, a voracious reader, loved traveling, tea parties, numerous hobbies and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her five children, Peggy (Alan) Grossnickle, Page (Shane) Himes, both of Warsaw, Indiana, Bryan (Sylvia) McCallen of Wabash, Paula McCallen of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Robert R. (Chris) McCallen III of Wabash, 13 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Robert R. McCallen Jr., who died September 8, 2015.

Per Peggy's request, there will be a Celebration of Life at 1:00 pm, Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash Street, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are an Animal Shelter of the donor's choice, the Honeywell Foundation Banner Contest, or Bob and Peggy McCallen Entrepreneurship Endowment Scholarship at Grace College and Seminary.

The memorial guest book for Peggy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

E. Floyann Frey

Dec. 12, 1931 – Nov. 23, 2021

E. Floyann Frey, 89, of Columbia City, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021 at her residence.

Born Dec. 12, 1931, in Wabash, County, Indiana, she was a daughter of John W.B. and Bonita (Altman) Eads. She graduated from Urbana High School in 1949. On Aug. 30, 1952 she married the late Charles Eugene Frey.

Floyann worked at Roanoke State Bank as a teller for seven years and More's Farm Store as a bookkeeper for seven years.

She was a member of Columbia City Church of the Brethren, Twilight Homemakers Club and Jefferson Chapel Women's Society.

Surviving is her son, Mark E. (Teresa) Frey of Leesburg; daughters, Vicki (Mark) Eckman of Kokomo, Tina A. Bolinger of Columbia City and Mary (Tim) Burelison



of Pierceton; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and brother, John A. Eads of MN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Frey; brothers, Porter Eads and Larry A. Eads; and sisters-in-law, Doris Eads and Darla Eads.

The funeral service is 10:30 am Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Visitation is 4:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at the funeral home. Entombment will follow to service to Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Masks would be appreciated by the family.

Preferred memorials are to Columbia City Church of the Brethren, Parkview Hospice, or Camp Mack Quarters.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Ruth Ann Detamore-Reynolds

Nov. 20, 1946 – Nov. 23, 2021

Ruth Ann Detamore-Reynolds, 75, Wabash, passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, in her home. She was born in Marion, Indiana, on November 20, 1946, to Orville and Ruth (Henderson) Sherman.

Ruth graduated from Marion High School in 1964. She continued her education at Ball State University, where she received her Bachelor's degree, and later a Master's degree at Indiana Wesleyan University. Ruth was the Director of Human Resources at the VA in Marion and Fort Wayne for several years. She also enjoyed waiting tables at Erma's in Marion. She was a member of Sunnycrest Baptist Church, where she was the secretary and office manager for many years.

She and Randy had their first date in 1994 and were later married on August 8, 2008. She loved dogs, as well as gardening, which was her biggest passion. She was also an avid collector of dolls and antiques. Ruth will be remembered as a fashionista, as well as a loving wife and mother.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Reynolds; children, Melissa Detamore, Brian (Leslie) Detamore, and Sam Detamore; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brothers, David Sherman, Robert Sherman, and Orville Sherman; and many lifelong friends.



She was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings, Janet Blackburn, Virginia Mae Sherman, Mary Doris Sherman, Betty Lou Sherman, Irene Mayo, and Richard Sherman.

The family will receive visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at Needham-Storrey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Immediately following visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Ruth's life will begin at 1:00 pm. Pastor Troy Bishop will be officiating with burial taking place at Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 6069, Dept. 95, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6069.

Memories may be shared online at www.nswcares.com.

Hazel J. (Daine) Powell

March 25, 1923 – Nov. 20, 2021

Hazel J. (Daine) Powell was a resident of Forestdale Park Assisted Living Facility in Malden, Massachusetts for the past 21 months. She was a former longtime resident of Wakefield and then later moved to Peabody where she and her husband resided for 26 years. She passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 at the Kaplan Hospice House in Danvers. She was 98.

Hazel was born in Peru, Indiana on March 25, 1923. She is one of six children of the late Francis Daine and Kathryn (Draving) Eckels. She grew up in Peru and graduated from Peru High School. Hazel was proud of her midwestern roots and traveled many times to visit family and friends. She always carried that midwestern kindness with her.

Hazel met her beloved James H. Powell, III while he was a Flight Instructor at the Naval Air Station Bunker Hill, now Grissom Air Force Base, and they were married on June 30, 1944. They went on to share a remarkable 75 years together.

After Jame's service in the Navy Air Corps, they resided in Melrose, MA a short time before settling in Wakefield, MA to raise their family. Hazel worked for many years as a secretary in the Wake-

field School System where she acquired many lifelong friends.

Devoted to her family, Hazel was happiest and content when she was home. She was exceptionally active in the lives of her children and grandchildren. Hazel loved to sew, crochet, knit, and play a good game of Bridge with friends. She also enjoyed cooking, family gatherings and reading a good book. She loved wintering in Venice, Florida as well as the family cottage during the summer months in Oxford, Maine.

Hazel was the beloved wife of the late James H. Powell III with whom she shared 75 years of marriage. Devoted mother of Kathy Powell of Saugus, MA and James H. Powell, Jr., of Holyoke, MA. Dear sister of the late Thomas, Charles, and Richard Daine, Charlene Frey, and June Kingery. Loving grandmother of Matthew Cummings, Jennifer Barry, and Jimmy Powell. Proud great-grandmother of Jackie Barry. Also, survived by many nieces and nephews.

Hazel's love, caring, kindness and big heart will be missed by all those she touched throughout her life. Services will be private. For online tribute visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

Elsie Geiser

Elsie Geiser passed away Nov. 23, 2021.

Survived by daughter, Diane and Galen Long; daughter-in-law, Linda Geiser; seven grandchildren and their companions: Jeff and Darlene Geiser, Rodney and Valerie Geiser, Rhon-

da and Martin Hernandez, Coreen and Phillip Garber, Sheriann and Jeff Hoblit, Gary and Jill Long, & Rachelle and Albert Mast; 17 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; brother Chester Fingerle, sister, Doris Kelsey, 1 broth-

er-in-law, Max, and Ann Geiser.

Calling Nov. 27, 2021 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 12546 North State Road 13, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

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the dashboard numbers," said ISDH Office of Public Affairs director and deputy chief of staff Jennifer O'Malley.

Later that day, that number was altered to show that 29 of those tests were new.

As of Wednesday, Nov. 24, there were 5,958 local positive COVID-19 cases in Wabash County, with 43 of those being new. The local seven-day positivity rating of 19.6 percent for all tests, and a local seven-day positivity rating of 37 percent for unique individuals.

In observance of Thanksgiving, the ISDH dashboard will not update again until Monday, Nov. 29.

In the zip code 46992, which comprises Wabash, 40.3 percent of the eligible population has been vaccinated. Statewide, that figure sits at 52.6 percent, as of Wednesday, Nov. 24.

The eligible population for vaccinations increased earlier this month as the minimum age was lowered from 12 to 5. On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers ages 5 to 11 are now eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccine following the previous day's authorization of the pediatric vaccine by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine that is currently authorized for use in individuals under age 18. On Friday, Nov. 19, the

ISDH announced that any Hoosier age 18 or older can now receive a booster dose of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines if they received their second dose at least six months ago. Earlier that same day, the CDC approved the administration of a booster dose of both vaccines for people aged 18 and older following the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) decision to expand its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for boosters. Previously, the FDA had approved a third dose for immunocompromised individuals and had allowed boosters for individuals who met certain criteria.

Individuals may still choose which COVID-19 vaccine to receive as a booster shot. Some peo-

ple may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. Individuals who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine are eligible for a booster two months or more after their initial dose.

Parents who wish to schedule an appointment for their child to receive the vaccine and Hoosiers age 18 and older who want to obtain a booster dose may visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 211 or 866-211-9966.

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This year's WCPL Holiday Open House will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, said community outreach coordinator Rachel Castle.

Castle said the library will offer holiday treats, games, prizes, crafts, activities and more. At 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., there will be special storytimes, featuring a puppet play, stories, songs and rhymes based on Jan Brett's "The Mitten."

Castle said the theme for this year's event will be "Comfort & Joy."

"We have been working to fill the event with all sorts of cozy experiences for our community. After modifying the event into a take-home kit last year,

our staff and volunteers are so excited to welcome everyone back into the library for this year's celebration," said Castle.

Castle said there will also be a collection box for scarves, hats and gloves to donate to those in need of warmth this season.

Wimberly said they were donating the warm winter wear to the Helping Hands Mission Store.

Castle said attendees do not need a library card to attend the Holiday Open House. The event is free, though donations of new or gently used hats, scarves and gloves are encouraged.

For more information, call 260-563-2972 or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

A stingy man hastens
after wealth and does not
know that poverty will come
upon him.

Proverbs 28:22

Another COVID Thanksgiving – sigh

Remember how depressing it was in late November 2020? Even after six months of living with strict stay-at-home orders, COVID-19 still lurked unseen in every corner of the world.

The few treatments for infection were unproved or ineffective, and the terrible winter surge of infections was just beginning. Health officials pleaded with Americans to nix the traditional Thanksgiving feast with friends and family – or at the very least, to celebrate outside – and many people did just that, with the hope that doing so would ensure a future of healthy holidays.

Next year, we told ourselves while shivering through the al-fresco meal with our pandemic pods, Thanksgiving will be back to normal. Big time.

It was a reasonable expectation. After all, Pfizer and BioNTech had just submitted an application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency-use authorization for the first vaccine against COVID-19, and a second one from Moderna wasn't far behind. Within a few weeks, healthcare workers would start getting the first of two shots, and vaccine manufacturers

were ramping up production for the mass immunization campaign that would begin in early 2021. Back then, it wasn't a stretch to imagine that by November 2021, most of the people in the U.S. would be gratefully inoculated against this dreaded disease. (If only.)

It's understandable why so many Americans are treating this Thanksgiving as a return to normalcy – most of us are vaccinated, and new cases have been declining. About 20 million people are expected to travel by plane this week, according to the Transportation Security Administration. It's not a record, but it's about twice as many air passengers as last year.

But while 2021 is definitely an improvement over 2020, this pandemic is not over. We are heading into a second COVID Thanksgiving.

COVID-19 is still infecting and killing people, and cases have started rising across the nation, even as protection from vaccines received earlier this year is waning. Despite the best efforts of public health officials, less than 60 percent of the U.S. population has been fully vaccinated, leaving many

millions unprotected. Kids under 5 can't be vaccinated yet, and millions of older children who are eligible for a shot haven't received one. Though they are less likely to get seriously ill than other age groups, thousands of children have been hospitalized, and hundreds have died. Things can get worse.

What this means for California is not clear. More than 91 percent of eligible adults in the state have had at least one shot, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday, and that's probably one of the reasons the case rate here is among the lowest in the nation. But that's not dispositive: Colorado has an overall inoculation rate similar to California's yet is seeing a surge in new COVID-19 cases.

The pandemic will end some day; they all do. But it will not happen this week. This year, health officials aren't telling people to hunker down at home. But they are asking that we continue to be careful, to wear masks around others and to test before visiting with vulnerable friends and family. It seems the least we can do to avoid another terrible winter.

This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.

A time to give thanks

Thanksgiving is upon us again, bringing to mind the pilgrim story. That is a fine tale of religious refugees, which is probably the most enduring and evocative American experience. But rightly understood, the American Thanksgiving comes to us from Abraham Lincoln. It was made by his proclamation of Oct. 3, 1863, while the Gettysburg dead were still being gathered, on an autumn day in the shadow of our nation's darkest hour. If Mr. Lincoln could find reason to call us together for a day of gratitude, we can now have no cause to do otherwise.

Michael Hicks



Shifting focus to our most recent year, America's factories have recovered and produced more goods this summer than at any time in history. Our ports are full, sending a record value of these goods abroad. At the same time, ships bring more goods to our factories and stores from trading partners abroad. Our American dollar rules the globe, denominating everything from global oil shipments to taxi cab trips in Bangladesh. All of this happened in the wake of the biggest economic shock in global history.

Today, Americans have never been richer. Indeed, we are so affluent that our standard of poverty lies slightly above the global average income per household. Thus, a very poor American is richer than half of all living people. One out of three Americans have wealth that places them in the top 10 percent world wide.

Growing wealth and rising economic fortunes are good things. Improved economic conditions free people to pursue broader dreams and aspirations. Our affluence permits us to retire, to take longer vacations and spend more time with family. Economic growth funds research and development, science and education. It is not everything, but it unleashes great possibilities.

America's enrichment is even more bounteous coming as it did in a time of unequaled global economic growth. The past 30 years have seen more people escape poverty than in the 30 centuries before that. Since 1990, the global poverty rate dropped from 1:3 to 1:10 worldwide. Close to 3.0 billion people escaped the most dire impoverishment in just three decades.

This stunning growth came about almost wholly as a consequence of market-based reforms. What we call capitalism, free trade and a focus on building democratic institutions freed more humans from economic bondage in a little over one generation than any other force in human history. This stunning growth of wealth also permitted other institutions to thrive.

To offer an example, more than 1.0 billion humans – one out of every seven of us – were vaccinated against COVID in just one month of 2021. This is, hands down, the most remarkable human achievement in history. Within 18 months of a new disease attacking our species, we developed multiple vaccines, tested and manufactured them, and distributed them to 179 nations, which then administered them to more than 1,000,000,000 people in 30 days.

These marvels of science, free markets and dedicated public workers don't free us from the realities of being human. We are imperfect, so while we set aside for giving thanks, there will still be murders, assaults and theft. The glories of our age haven't changed human nature. Still, one useful way to judge our times is through a thought experiment akin to that offered by philosopher John Rawls.

Suppose you were given a choice of when and where to be born. You could pick any place and any time in all of history, but there's a catch: You must enter the world under a veil of ignorance about who you will be. You can choose the time and place, but not your gender, or race, or intelligence. You cannot choose your parents, nor their occupations, nor their education. You cannot choose to be tall, or short, or beautiful. You may be healthy or disabled, belong to a religious minority, or be a refugee. Knowing nothing about who you will be when born, you may only choose where and when'll be born.

Can there be any doubt about when and where you would choose to be born? Of course you'd choose to be born now, in the United States. And, it would not matter what chance delivered you to be. This place and time would yield the highest income, the longest lifespan, and the greatest opportunity for human flourishing.

It is worth thinking through this critically, especially at a time of giving thanks. No group of Americans have suffered worse within our national experience than those of African, Native American or Japanese ancestry. Still, on average the most affluent and successful people of African or Japanese ancestry worldwide are Americans. Despite slavery and mass incarceration, here they thrive in ways that are almost unknown in Africa and rare in Japan.

We cannot make that direct comparison for Native Americans, but do know that the poorest reservation family incomes are three times that of the world average.

Every other displaced minority, from the Scots-Irish and Ashkenazi Jews to Guatemalans, are better off here than in the lands that drove them away. If you are gay, Jehovah's Witness, transsexual or atheist, you will find more acceptance, less bigotry and more opportunity here than anywhere else in the world.

There is more work to be done in our effort to create a more perfect Union, and naturally we will not agree on the most pressing priorities. We are an exceptional nation, whose current greatness lies not only in our many successes, but in acknowledging our many shortcomings. But, this weekend is not set aside for celebration or critical introspection. The task before is easier; we are called merely to give thanks. Or, as Mr. Lincoln proclaimed, the day shall be "solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People."

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Let us give thanks for the irritants

I became discouraged last week about all the aspects of my life which seemed to be out of control, my control. I felt that I was never allowed to choose how to spend my time. Others were in charge, like puppet masters. Just call me Pinocchio.

My solution was to make a list of the things which were getting under my skin. The list did not turn out quite as long as I anticipated but it still appeared to prove my proposition that I needed to do something about my life. Here is the list:

Leaves – This must have been a good season for the trees as my yard is covered constantly with leaves. The fall climate here in northeast Indiana generally alternates between days of rain and days of high winds, neither being conducive to blowing leaves regardless of what equipment I use. I don't know which is worse: not being able to blow leaves due to the inclement weather or having to blow leaves due to perfect weather. It is truly a Hobson's Choice situation and justifies my whining ... at least until I take a moment to reflect on why I have leaves in the first place. Could it be because we live on a nice lot in a wooded subdivision, one that affords ample shade in the heat of summer and beautiful colors in the fall? Think of all the people in the world who live in arid climates, frozen tundras or even high-rise apartment buildings in densely packed cities. I will move this one from the debit to the credit side.

Meetings – I'm supposed to be retired so why do I have to go to some meeting nearly every day? They disrupt my carefully planned schedule

Mark Franke



of excessive leisure time and self-centered activity. I have early morning meetings, mid-day meetings and evening meetings. Enough, already. Why am I on so many boards and asked to volunteer at so many charitable organizations? Maybe, just maybe, it is because even at age 70 I still have the physical health and mental capacity to be useful to my fellow man. Too many people my age are either debilitated with declining health or, worse, still working just to make ends meet. My time is my own, which allows me to devote it to doing works of charity and helping organizations which hold the same values as I. This one moves to the plus side as well.

Home improvement projects – My wife has the impressive ability to propose a new home improvement project almost weekly. I don't know how she comes up with these, but I suspect it has to do with her fixation on the HGTV cable network. Each project requires expenditure of both my time and our money, or I should say the kids' inheritance. I don't have time to take on these projects; remember all those meetings I need to attend and the leaves piling up in the yard? Sure, each project makes our house more livable and pleasant to the eye but it's my time she is commanding. Maybe the reason she wants me to do all these projects is that I can. In my retirement I have improved my handyman skills to such an extent that I have a volunteer job at my

church's elementary school as a general purpose fixit man. And these projects give me an excuse to buy more power tools so that I have exactly what I need for the job. What's not to like about that benefit?

I guess I should concede that my putative irritation at these things is superficial at best and outright dishonesty at worst. Each makes demands on my time but only because I have been granted that time to give to others. No one would ask me to do these things if I were in a nursing home or non-ambulatory in some other manner. And I do get to choose which volunteer duties I take on but, truth be told, I haven't learned how to say no to good causes.

This Thanksgiving I am going to take this catalog of irritations and file them away in the cluttered attic of my memory where I am not likely to find them again. Instead, I will focus on the good things in my life. These are part of a different, more useful catalog – that of undeserved blessings. A few of these, in no order of importance, are my health, my family, friends and neighbors, my family's financial security, my church and all the things I take for granted. Then there are those power tools I bought which make each day a new opportunity for enjoyable and productive activity.

But most important is my family – my wife, our children and their spouses, and the grandchildren. Especially the grandchildren.

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Lifestyles

Turkey leftovers 2.0

I can't imagine a better way to use up those Thanksgiving leftovers than to add them to a platter of nachos. Following the sit-down turkey holiday feast, it's refreshing to make food that's decidedly unfancy, unplated and, well, messy. This casual family-style nacho platter will do the trick.



While it appears to be heavy and loaded (it is), these nachos are relatively light and straightforward in ingredients, with just enough cheese to bind them, and a gargantuan mound of mashed avocados to brighten and refresh. I prefer to use dark turkey meat for extra flavor. It's a great way to repurpose the little bits of meat salvaged from the turkey, reserving the larger pieces for the requisite sandwiches the next day.

Turkey Nachos

- Active Time: 20 minutes
- Total Time: 20 minutes
- Yield: Serves 4
- 2 ripe avocados
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon Mexican hot sauce
- 6 ounces tortilla chips
- 6 to 8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, coarsely shredded
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced, white and green parts separated
- 1/2 medium red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 cups shredded turkey meat
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems



Photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

Turkey nachos are a great way to use Thanksgiving leftovers.

Freshly ground black pepper Lime wedges for serving

Mash the avocados, lime juice, salt and hot sauce in a bowl until blended but still slightly chunky. Preheat the oven broiler. Spread half of the chips on a 1/4-sized rimmed baking sheet or a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Scatter about one-third of the cheese over

the chips. Top with the remaining chips. Scatter the sliced white scallions, red pepper and jalapeno pepper over the chips, then top with the turkey. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the pan. Transfer the nachos to the oven and broil about 5 inches below the heating element until the cheese is

melted and the chips are tinged golden brown, about 4 minutes, rotating the pan as needed to ensure even cooking. Remove from oven and scatter the sliced green scallions and cilantro over the nachos and garnish with black pepper. Serve immediately with the avocado and lime wedges.

Dinosaur misidentified for decades turns out to be new species

By MITCHELL WILLETTS
The Charlotte Observer (TNS)

A newly discovered species of dinosaur has been unearthed in Missouri, and it's a "big, big deal" for more than one reason, a paleontologist said.

Finding a dinosaur skeleton in the Midwest is notable in itself, Guy Darrough said, but that of a previously unknown species?

"It's like finding King Tut's treasure in Missouri," he said in a phone interview with McClatchy News.

Parrosaurus missouriensis, as the species has been dubbed, was misidentified for decades, based on a limited number of fossils found at the site. At one point, the creature was thought to be a type of long-necked dinosaur. Later, experts declared it was a species of dinosaur previously discovered in North Carolina.

"It wasn't clear what this thing was all the way up until recently," Darrough said.

Parrosaurus missouriensis was duck-billed and sported a spiked thumb on each hand, either for protection or mating, or both. Based on the skeletons recently pulled from the Chronister dig site — one adult and one juvenile — the beast would have been up to 30 feet long, weighing between 2 tons and 3 tons, Darrough said.

The 70-year-old has been patiently digging and excavating at the site for years, pulling bones and teeth from the clay alongside colleagues, the importance of what lay beneath growing clearer with each find.

Darrough and company reached out to the Field Museum in Chicago in 2016, and after seeing what had been found at the Missouri site, the museum has sent a steady stream of help ever since.

"Every time they've dug, they've found all kinds of neat stuff," Darrough said, adding that the tooth of a tyrannosaurus has also been found at the site.

The main body of the adult Parrosaurus was extricated from the site only about a month ago, he said.

The adult skeleton has been shipped off to the Field Museum, and the juvenile will be on display at the Sainte Genevieve Museum Learning Center, where Darrough serves as the head curator.

As long as he's been at it, Darrough isn't the first to get clay under his nails at the Chronister dig site; that honor goes to the Chronister family.

"You know when you're a kid, and you pretend you're a paleontologist, and you go and dig a hole in your backyard because you're going to find a dinosaur down there? That never happens ... except this time it did," Peter Makovicky, University of Minnesota professor and former curator of dinosaurs at the Field Museum in Chicago, told McClatchy News.

In the early 1940s, the Chronister family began work on a cistern near their home, and in the process, unearthed several dinosaur bones. It would be about another 80 years before those bones could be reunited with the rest.

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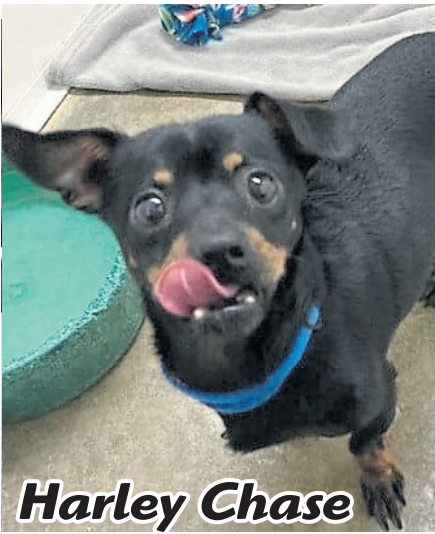
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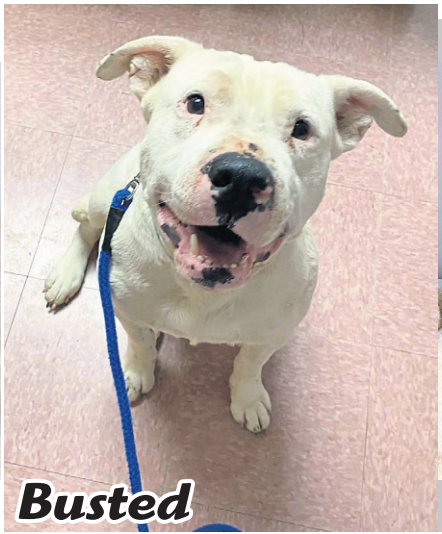
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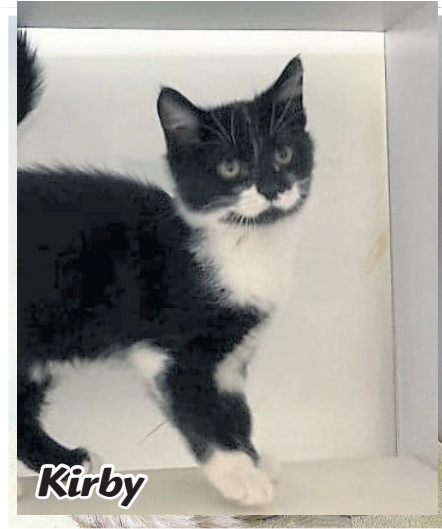
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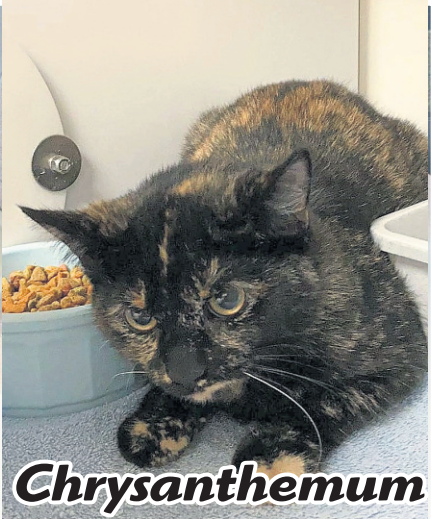
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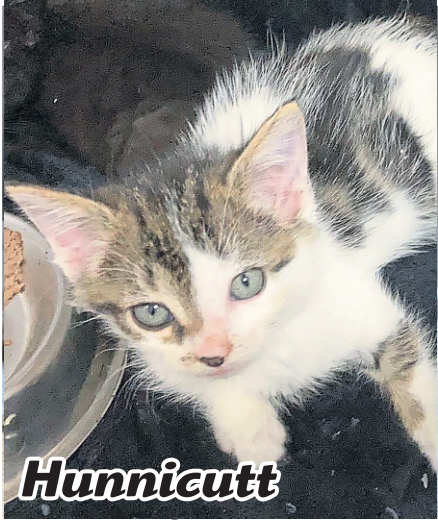
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Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

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 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

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 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

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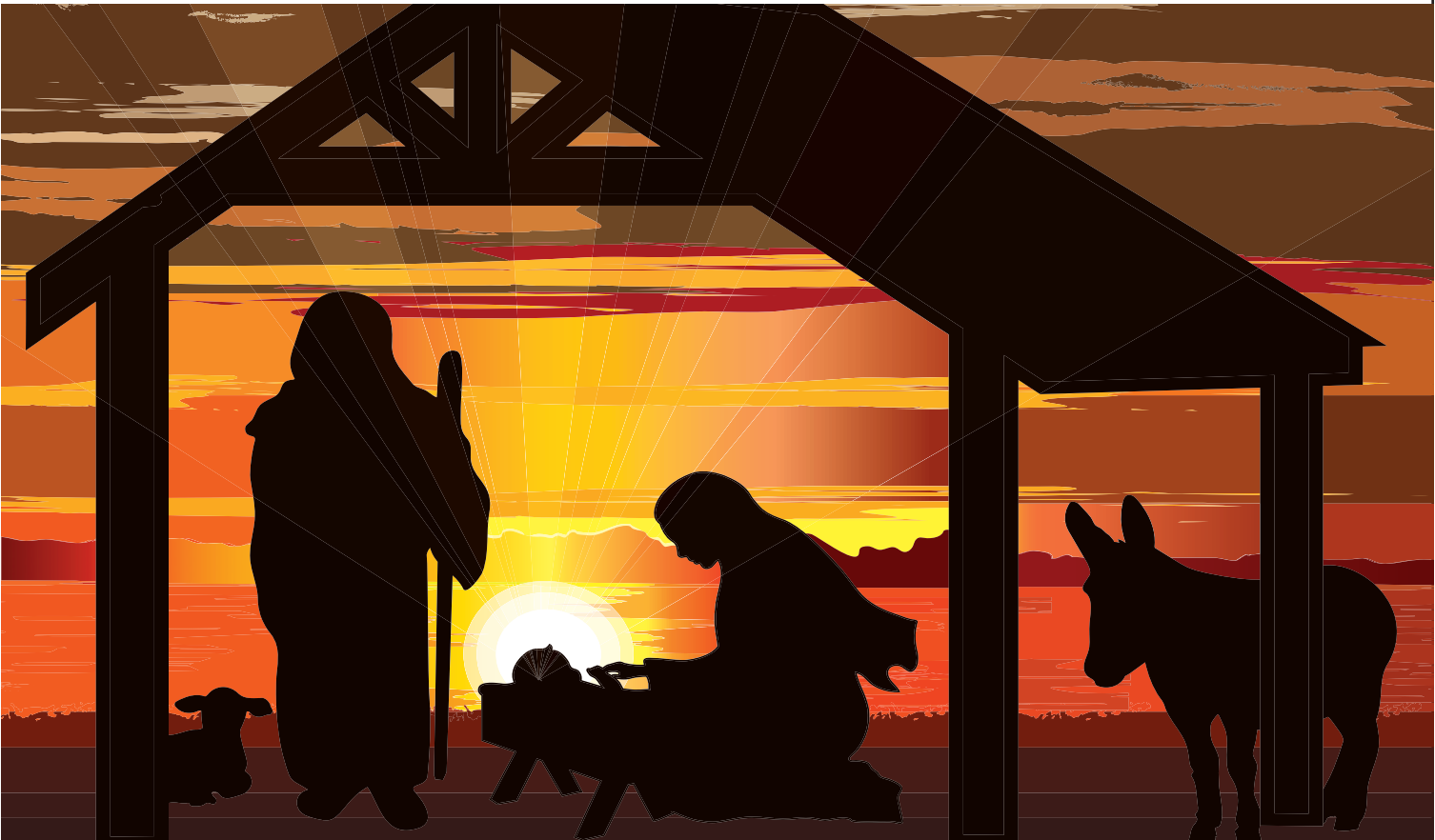


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Matthew 24:29-51	Matthew 25:1-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Daniel 9:1-27	Nehemiah 8:1-18	Esther 9:20-10:3	Job 42:1-17
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<p>PETITION TO THE WABASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR VACATE OF STREET(S), ALLEY(S), ROAD(S), OR PUBLIC WAY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Comes now TROY AND KIRA WARDWELL and hereby gives legal notice of a petition to Vacate the following Steet(s), Alley(s), Road(s) or Public Way.</p> <p>The 10 foot wide alley located North of Lot #10 and North of Lot #11 in the Original Plat of the Town of Urbana.</p> <p>Said petition is presently on file in the office of the Auditor of Wabash County, IN., and will be presented for public hearing before the Wabash County Commissioners on the: 13th day of December, 2021 at 9:00: AM in the Commissioners meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse.</p> <p>Any interested party is invited to attend said hearing, and make known their opinion, for or against, the granting of this Petition.</p> <p>Signed: Marcie Shepherd SMB Wabash County Auditor Date: 11/24/2021 Wabash County Auditor Wabash County Commissioners One West Hill St. Wabash, IN 46992</p> <p>STEVE DOWNS Attorney for the Wabash County Commissioners HSPAXLP.11/27/2021</p>	

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said child.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

/s/ Lori J. Draper
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PULSE

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Values, Ideas and the Arts series ongoing at Manchester

Manchester University's Values, Ideas and the Arts series presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. They are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Some will be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for viewing updates. Nov. 29, Lucas Al-Zoughbi, a doctoral student and University Distinguished Fellow at Michigan State University, will share his own experiences and offers an introduction to the Palestinian struggle against Israeli settler-colonialism. The series wraps up for the semester on Dec. 6 with a presentation by Manchester University Archivist Jeanine Wine.

Wabash County Museum honors veterans in November

During November all veterans will receive free admission to the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St., where they can view the Honor Wall exhibit and the Military exhibit as well as 90-plus additional exhibits that celebrate the history of Wabash County. The military exhibit features a video of several Wabash County veterans sharing their oral histories. The museum team would like to expand the collection of oral histories from veterans. The museum is also collaborating with Living Well in Wabash County to offer a Senior Scavenger Hunt during November. Seniors can pick up their scavenger hunt form at the Welcome Desk. Answers are found in several museum exhibits as well as on the windows of Living Well in Wabash County's downtown location, just across the street from the Museum. Completed forms will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket that includes gift cards from area businesses and a selection of Grandma's Fudge. For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org.

Manchester Civic Band plans Timbercrest and Peabody live performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody

Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Babe of Wabash County selling charity window candle lighting spots

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 1, Babe of Wabash County would like to remember or honor your loved ones by placing candles in their windows. The candles will light up the house throughout the Christmas season. The cost will be \$25 per candle. In addition to placing a candle in their window, they will also honor your loved one on our Facebook page and in their newsletter. The proceeds for the fundraiser will go towards their coupon program and boutique needs. For more information, call 260-274-0158, email babeofwabashinc@gmail.com or visit www.babeofwabashcounty.org.

Somerset Lions Club plans 'Breakfast with Santa'

The Somerset Lions Club has planned a "Breakfast with Santa" from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Somerset Community Building, 21 W. Old Slocum Trail, Somerset. There will be a "goodie bag" for all children in attendance. Decorate your cookie. Please wear masks to protect the children. Santa will arrive at 8:30 a.m. Musical entertainment will be provided. The menu will include pancakes, biscuits, gravy and a drink for a free-will donation.

WACT plans Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater

On Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased through the Honeywell Center Box Office, 275 W. Market St., by phone at 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two

Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Salamonie 'Twins Among the Trees' Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Red Cross schedules local blood donation opportunity

The American Red Cross scheduled a special blood drive in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, a North Manchester boy who has been fighting cancer. This dedicated blood drive will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Manchester Elementary

School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conduc-

tor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony

No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

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I had a conversation with her over Facebook, and she wanted to invite me out for coffee one day. I ended up messaging her later on that night, and she told my boyfriend I had “made her uncomfortable.” She ended up blocking me on Facebook.

Abby, he’s now saying he’s in love with both of us! I’m not allowed to talk about her, and anything they talk about is “none of my business.” I do not get as many phone calls from him as I used to, and I think it’s because of her. I’m not sure what her plans are, but I get the feeling she’s trying to get me out of the picture. Please tell me what to do. – Crowded In Alaska

DEAR CROWDED: Forgive me for seeming negative, but from what you have written, I don’t think this man is in love with either one of you. What you should “do” is reassess your relationship with this two-timing felon. His ex-girlfriend may indeed be maneuvering to get you out of the picture, and my advice to you, which I sincerely hope you will follow, is to LET HER DO IT. You may have started out as “friends” with this man, but friends do NOT treat friends the way he has been treating you.

DEAR ABBY: I’ve read many letters over the years about relationships in which there is a significant age gap, and thought I would like to share a success story. My boyfriend and I have a 22-year age difference, and we couldn’t be happier. We are both divorced with children (his is grown and lives independently; mine are 14 and 11). We found each other about a year before the pandemic. He was above the age range I’d specified on online dating apps, but we met at a mutual friend’s art opening. There were immediate sparks, and we didn’t realize our age difference until about a week later. By then the seeds of a mature, non-codependent relationship were sprouting.

He’s 60 now, and I am 38. We live separately, but go back and forth between the houses most nights. He’s actively engaged in my kids’ lives, and we’re talking about marriage. Because of our age difference, this includes discussing wills, estate planning and the hurdles that come with retirement and raising high schoolers, but we do it with great respect for where the other is in their own journey. This is the best relationship either of us has ever been in. I’m so glad we didn’t let our age difference prevent us from enjoying this life together. – Luckiest Girl In Texas

DEAR LUCKIEST GIRL: When both parties are adults with experience in the world, age is only a number. While there can be challenges in May-December unions, you and your boyfriend appear to be looking at the future with eyes wide open. Thank you for your upper of a letter.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Chromosome material

4 Coagulate

8 Actor Dan or Eugene

12 Goddess of dawn

13 Des Moines locale

14 Sheltered

15 Many oz.

16 Sort out

17 Heroic tale

18 Ogled

20 Cheech, to Chong (hyph.)

22 Wedding site

23 Sorrow

24 Walking corpse

28 Mother rabbit

31 Stoic founder

34 Spanish gold

35 Pipe fittings

36 Operatic prince

37 Upsilon preceder

38 Positive replies

DOWN

1 Perry's secretary

2 Peace Prize founder

3 Portfolio item

4 Roman orator

5 Thundering

39 Figured out

40 GI meals

42 Arith. mean

44 Ricoh competitor

48 Arctic sight

51 Bag

52 Perseverance

53 —a-brac

55 Sports enthusiast

56 Woodworking tool

57 Fishing vessel

58 Boxing stat

59 Felt sorry about

60 Leather punches

61 — Quentin

6 Wise old bird

7 Powder base

8 Rodeo rope

9 Jubilantly

10 First-magnitude star

11 Two semesters

19 Barber-shop item

21 Run up a tab

25 Speck of dust

26 Bikini tops

27 Chits

29 Pamplona yell

30 Letter for plurals

31 Quick turn

32 Id

33 Certify

35 Atelier item

40 Dugout VIP

41 Demands

43 Went to the polls

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46 Honshu port

47 Rare gas

48 Seaweed extract

49 Language of Pakistan

50 “Fernando” band

51 Container for liquids

54 Pull oars

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SERTC

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Yesterday's Jumbles: RAZOR OUNCE TOMATO RIPPLE Answer: The convention's keynote speaker wasn't nervous at all thanks to all her — "PREP-ORATION"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I don't think I'll ever get this right.

Just let me teach you the ins and outs, and you'll be fine.

THE CLOCKMAKER'S APPRENTICE WOULD LEARN TO BUILD QUALITY CLOCKS OVER THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Isn't Barfy GOOD, Mommy? He's gettin' rid of all the leftovers for us.”

BEETLE BAILEY

SARGE, WHAT'S THAT ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD?

IT'S A BIRTH-MARK

OH, I THOUGHT IT WAS A BLOWHOLE

BLONDIE

DOES THIS SHOE CRAMP YOUR BIG TOE AS WELL?

YEH, IT KINDA DOES

LOOK, MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A SHOE STYLE THAT DOESN'T CRAMP YOUR BIG TOE

WELL, THEN YOU'RE JUST BEING A BIG BABY

HI & LOIS

I GOT AN ESTIMATE TO CUT DOWN THIS OLD TREE.

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

I'M HOPING IT FALLS IN YOUR YARD AND WE CAN SPLIT THE COST.

BC

I LOVE THE CALMING EFFECT OF RAIN ON MY ROOFTOP.

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WIZARD OF ID

AND THEN I REMEMBERED HOW WE PLAYED MUSICAL CHAIRS IN HIGH SCHOOL

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DILBERT

HOW'S IT GOING, BOSS?

I WAS DOING OKAY UNTIL YOUR CONDE-SCENDING GREETING SPIKED MY CORTISOL LEVELS AND NEARLY OBLITERATED MY IMMUNE SYSTEM.

SHAKE IT OFF, CHAMP.

I'M DYING HERE!

GARFIELD

I'M NOT EATING

THEN I'LL CHECK FOR CRUMBS

FORT KNOX

GRANPPA'S GONE!

THAT'S BECAUSE I PAID HIM TO LEAVE.

YOU PIP WHAT?!

TRUST ME... IT WAS WORTH THE MONEY.

SO WHO ELSE ARE YOU GOING TO PAY TO LEAVE?

\$500 BUCKS AND I'M GONE FOR THE WEEK.

PICKLES

HOW CAN I ENJOY MY LUNCH WITH ROSCOE STARING WITH THOSE PUPPY DOG EYES?

YOU'VE GOT FOOD IN YOUR BOWL. IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU WON'T EAT IT!

HERE, MAYBE THIS WILL HELP.

I CAN STILL FEEL HIM STARING AT ME!

God’s laws for the spiritual world are found in the Bible

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Is there a difference between man’s law and God’s law, and does God command people to love others regardless of what they may do to us? — L.G.

A: The religious leaders of Jesus’ day had more than 600 man-made laws they were required to obey. The people couldn’t keep all those laws; it was impossible. Yet the rulers believed that those laws had to be obeyed in order to win God’s favor.

But God’s laws for the spiritual world are found in the Bible, and Jesus summed up God’s Law with two commandments: “Love the Lord your God,” and, “Love your neighbor.” And He used a special, all-encompassing word for love, a word that includes everyone. He didn’t give exceptions; in fact, He even said

that we should love our enemies. Imagine that!

When we find ourselves in conflict, we must look to these commands and honestly ask ourselves if we are being obedient to God. Do we really love our neighbors when they irritate us? Do we really show compassion to those who may lash out at us for reasons we cannot comprehend?

The Greek word for love that Jesus used implies the right kind of action that demonstrates we are followers of Christ. This kind of love is not passive, it is an action word and we are to show our love by our actions, and this is

accomplished through prayer. How can we hate someone when we sincerely lift their name up before the Lord in prayer?

God gave us a perfect example of love in action when He sent His Son, Jesus, to walk among us and demonstrate the love of God. We must pray in faith, asking the Lord to strengthen us every step of the way so that others will see Christ lived out in our lives, for the Bible tells us to pray for those who spitefully use us so that we may demonstrate the love of God to them (Matthew 5:44-45). This is the loving work of the Christian.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“HYJFPHU ZFY AGTV ZFRGX
RG OV CPNAJ RU ZFPZ R'O
NYJV ZYGPWRAEU. R MAG'Z ZPLY
'GA' NYJV KYTT.” — MRJYWZAJ
LPZFJVG IRXYTAK

Previous Solution: “We are all ... part of the human race ... we need to be compassionate and giving and kind with one another.” — Katherine Heigl

TODAY'S CLUE: C sjenbe M

Ten Spartans earn all-conference football honors

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its all-conference awards and major award winners on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Ten Spartans were honored on this year's award listings. Senior Andrew Kibler, from Cape Coral, Florida, and Mariner High School, highlighted the all-conference honors for Manchester, earning First-Team All-HCAC recognition as a kicker. Kibler finished the season 8-11 on-field goal attempts. He also went 11-12 on PATs. Kibler earned D3football.

com National Team of the Week honors on Oct. 12 following a 5-5 performance against Defiance College in which he knocked in field goals from 41, 38, 25, 34 and 25 yards. He was also a two-time HCAC Special Teams Player of the Week selection this season. Lastly, Kibler was also recognized with Second Team All-HCAC recognition as a punter.

Three other Spartans picked up Second Team All-HCAC recognition. Senior cornerback Jaquan Walker, from Johnson, Florida, and Interlachen High School, earned second-team all-league recog-

nition for the second time in his career on Thursday. Walker finished the season with 23 total tackles, 10 pass breakups, and 2 fumble recoveries. Fellow senior Jalen Masden, from Evansville and Harrison High School, also earned Second Team All-HCAC honors.

Masden led Manchester with 89 total tackles on the season. He added 10 tackles for loss and four sacks. Masden added two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and a pass breakup. A Campbell Trophy Semifinalist this fall, Masden earned HCAC Defensive Player of the Week hon-

ors Oct. 4. The final Spartan to earn Second Team All-HCAC honors was first-year returner Carmelo Gurley, from Birmingham, Alabama, and Gardendale High School. Gurley was named the HCAC Special Teams Player of the Week on Oct. 25 after returning a kickoff 85-yards for a touchdown against Rose-Hulman.

Six Spartans picked up Honorable Mention All-HCAC recognition on Thursday from the league office. On offense, senior wide receiver Harrington Greer, from South Bend and Riley High School, led the Black and Gold with 32

receptions, 314 yards and three touchdowns.

On defense, linemen Marvin Collins, from Riviera Beach, Florida, and Palm Beach Gardens High School; Jabari Webb, from Villa Rica, Georgia; and James Mathews Jr., from Palatka, Florida, as well as linebackers Devontay Moore, from Indianapolis and North Central High School, and Willis Sands Jr., from Miramar, Florida, all earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors. Collins finished with 43 tackles, eight and a half tackles-for-loss and five sacks. Collins also had three forced fumbles and

three fumble recoveries. Webb ended the season with 42 tackles, eight and a half tackles-for-loss and two sacks, while Mathews Jr. added six and a half tackles-for-loss and three sacks.

Devontay Moore tallied 33 tackles, seven and a half tackles-for-loss and five sacks this fall while adding an interception, a fumble recovery, and a blocked kick. Willis Sands Jr. finished second on the squad with 52 total tackles. He added six tackles for loss and four pass breakups.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester men’s soccer trio of Spartans garner All-HCAC recognition

By DILLON BENDER

A trio of Manchester University men’s soccer players earned postseason honors from the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Headlining the All-HCAC honors with a First Team selection was sophomore forward Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School. Kruschwitz led Manchester in almost all offensive categories this season.

Kruschwitz led the team and league in goals (14), game-winning goals (5), and points (29). He also led Manchester and ranked second in the HCAC in total shots (64) and shots on goal (34). The HCAC Newcomer of the Year in 2020-21, Kruschwitz’s 14 goals were tied for the eighth-most goals in a single season in school history.

Fellow sophomore Julian Keough, from Indianapo-



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Headlining the All-HCAC honors with a First Team selection was sophomore forward Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School.



Provided photo

Sophomore Julian Keough, from Indianapolis and Pike High School, earned Second Team All-HCAC honors for the second straight year on Tuesday morning.



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Senior Keegan Wondergem, from Jenison, Michigan, and Hudsonville High School, earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors from the league this fall.

started all 17 games this season for the Black and Gold. He also earned Second Team All-HCAC honors (2020-21) during his Spartan career.

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NORTHFIELD FALLS TO EASTERN 49-39



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Norsemen forward Jaxton Peas goes up against his Eastern Comet opponents during first half action Tuesday evening at Northfield High School.



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CFWC awards \$5K grant to Young Professionals group

The group’s slate of events are scheduled throughout 2022

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County and the Young Professionals of Wabash County (YPWC) steering committee are partnering with the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) to launch a slate of events throughout 2022, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

Boulrisse said YPWC is a member-driven group that provides a platform for

young professionals and emerging leaders to connect in meaningful ways with both each other and the Wabash County community.

“The group is free to join and the intent is to help young professionals that live or work around Wabash County find meaningful connections while giving back to the community,” said Boulrisse. “The ultimate goal is to encourage young professionals to continue to live, work and serve in the Wabash County community for years to come.”

Boulrisse said thanks to the grant awarded from CFWC, the YPWC will be able to fo-

cus on creating an intentional connection between peers as well as community groups and organizations through social, educational and philanthropic events monthly throughout 2022.

“The YPWC steering committee is extremely grateful for the CFWC’s support in helping this group focus on meaningful connections for these next generation of leaders and we can’t wait to meet and connect young professions throughout 2022,” said volunteer committee chair Tenille Zartman.

For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/yp.

Indiana’s top electric provider seeks rate increase approval

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana’s largest electric utility is seeking regulatory approval to raise its rates 1 percent every year until 2029 to pay for an \$1.9 billion upgrade aimed at hardening its electric grid against severe weather.

Plainfield-based Duke Energy Indiana filed plans Tuesday with state regulators seeking to pass along much of the upgrade’s cost to its Indiana customers, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

If approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, customer rates would increase an average of about 1

percent each year from 2024 to 2029, for a 6 percent increase by the final year.

Duke Energy Indiana is Indiana’s largest electric provider, with about 860,000 customers, spread across 69 of Indiana’s 92 counties.

The utility’s rate increase request follows its seven-year, \$1.4 billion grid update approved in 2016 that included upgrading, replacing or repairing more than 31,000 poles and rebuilding or improving more than 1,000 miles of overhead power lines.

The new proposed upgrade would install more technol-

ogy and stronger materials, including upgrading wood utility poles to steel ones, to keep the grid resilient against severe weather, resulting in fewer and shorter power outages, said Stan Pinegar, the utility’s president.

He said the upgrade would help prepare the grid for future needs, including more electric vehicles and more customers generating their own electricity.

The Office of Utility Consumer Counselor said it would give the utility’s plan “a very close look” and will file testimony based on its review.

SILVER ALERT

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referred all questions to the WCSD as they are “the investigating agency.”

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, a dispatcher from the WCSD said they couldn’t provide any additional information.

No further information was available as of press

time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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